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THE JAPANESE IN THE UNITED STATES.

It is reported from Washington, says the N. Y. Sun, that the reason why a new treaty has not been concluded, between Japan and the United States is, that Mr. Gresham insists that one of its provisions shall be, the right, on the part of the United States, to exclude Japanese from their soil. There has been, so far, only a very moderate immigration from Japan, but, moderate as it is, it is causing some discussion on the Pacific Coast. If the Japanese are free to come and go, so far as the United States are concerned, it is quite evident, that the high price of labor on the Coast will attract multitudes of the Japanese to it in the course of time, especially as their own government has, lately, ceased to be paternal, and allows the people perfect freedom of travel.

It is thought, in Washington, says the Sun, that it will not do to make a treaty with Japan, at present, without reserving this right, to the United States, to restrict immigration from the former country.

On the other hand, it is claimed, that the present general alien law of the Federal government, is very sweeping, and that Japanese laborers can be kept out of the States, under its provisions, without providing for restrictions in the treaty itself.

Owing to the difficulty of coming to an understanding in this matter, there has been a delay, which has enabled the British government to make the first treaty with Japan, which recognizes her absolute sovereignty on her own territory, and the United States, for a time at least, ceases to be regarded as the one true, and steadfast friend of Japan. No Japanese statesman will dare to negotiate any treaty, which suggests that the Japanese are not as good as the Americans or any other people.

"SAINTS AND SINNERS."

Matthew Arnold, who did so much to make life sweeter and better for all of us, said: "The theater is irresistible. Organize the theater!" Cardinal Manning said: "If the church and the stage would work hand in hand, together, it would strengthen the one and purify the other."

"Saints and Sinners" is a play, remarkable in this respect, that it puts religion upon the stage; a clergyman takes a leading part, and, in its representation here, the clergyman, Mortimer Snow, is a graduate of Harvard College, and is, himself, the son of an Episcopal clergyman of New York city. The play has, for ten years, been a popular one. It "ran" for one season in London—over two hundred nights. Owing to the fact that in it, a new departure was made, and a phase of religious life was introduced into the drama, a strong and bitter discussion took place in England over the propriety of "putting religion on the stage." Mr. Knowles, the celebrated playwright, discussed the matter with much learning and force in the "Nineteenth Century," in 1885. He claimed that the stage should present all phases of human life and character; that the theatre was becoming an increasing power in English social life, because of the dullness and monotonous mechanism of that life, especially among the poorer classes; that the Puritans who attended cruel "bear baitings," and yet abhorred the stage, were prejudiced; that the stage should be an educator, and not a cause of demoralization. He illustrated this argument by stating that Shakespeare quotes

the Bible about five hundred and fifty times in his plays.

However sound his, or other persons' arguments may be, the prejudice against the stage will continue, so long as vile pieces are put on it. The playwrights give the people what they ask for, but so long as they pander to depraved tastes, there will be little headway in elevating it.

The singular inconsistency of the average man, is seen however, in the fact that the daily press in all countries is admitted to the domestic circle, although there is hardly an issue of it that does not in its record of events, contain matter which should not be published, according to the prevailing standards of outward purity.

THE SOUTH AND HAWAII.

Hon. Chauncey F. Black, of Pennsylvania, addressed the convention of the Democratic clubs of North Carolina several weeks since. He said that the Nicaragua Canal was the "question of questions" at the South, because it would open up its resources to the Pacific Ocean. He thought that the Republican party would not favor the opening, because it might give advantages to the South over the North. In view of the importance of the canal, he would have the Democratic party rally to the support of the proposition to acquire Hawaii. He thought that the opening of the canal would make an outlet for the cotton goods of the South, and he wanted to see Hawaii stand as a sentinel over its Western terminus. The convention endorsed his views with enthusiasm.

The Richmond Despatch says that Hawaii and Nicaragua will appear in the platforms of both parties in 1896; that the annexation of Hawaii will be demanded as strongly, at that time, as the annexation of Texas was demanded in 1844.

THE entire ticket of the American Union party has been elected, on the island of Oahu, and that party can be congratulated on its success. It puts it beyond question that the Government will be supported by all the members of the Senate and House from this island. About twenty per cent. of the entire vote was thrown out, because the voters did not comply with the election laws.

THE liquor saloons, and the office of the Star closed up, on election day. The coincidence was perfectly natural, and logical. "Each of us exists for the sake of the other," said the lover to his sweetheart.

THE reason given by the Star for not appearing, yesterday, was that the electric works would be closed for repairs, etc. The manager of those works says it is not true.

THE Star and the Holomua are "exchanging pulpits" on the ADVERTISER treason.

Chief Mamea of Samoa.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 6.—One of the first official acts of James H. Mulligan, the new United States consul at Samoa, was to report under date of Apia, Sept. 12, the death at that place Sept. 9 of Mamea, high chief of Lefaga, and a celebrated character in Samoa history. The village of Lefaga, of which he was hereditary chief, is within the district of Aana, which has been from almost the commencement of the recent war in open rebellion against the established government of King Malietoa, and when he died Mamea was practically in exile because of his earnest loyalty to the king. Mamea played a conspicuous part in the history of Samoa. He was the Samoa plenipotentiary to Washington in 1878, when he concluded, with Secretary Evarts the treaty of friendship and commerce between the United States and Samoa, under which the rights of the United States to the harbor of Pago Pago was guaranteed and secured.

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Timely Topics

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If the United States government should place no obstacles in the way of the cable scheme from Vancouver to the Colonies via Honolulu, Hawaii nei will, within the next two years take on a new lease of life. Instead of a couple of third-rate steamers on the Canadian line, there will be five of the first-class. Emigrants will learn more about our country and the lands will be settled by the small farmer. Houchins' Water Filters at a dollar apiece will be in demand by thousands instead of hundreds as it is today. The islands will be joined by a local cable line and the country in general will be in the swim instead of the soup. The advent of a cable will bring to our shores men with progressive ideas, men who by their acts will better themselves, at the same time improve the condition of the country. Hawaii is all right; it has the finest climate in the world and the people would wax rich on it if climate was a commercial commodity—the trouble is with the people. Compared with the United States, we are living in the era, of pantalettes instead of bloomers. We want new blood, something that will make us shake off the lethargy that the people have lived in since the time of whaleships. Give us a cable and we will have new blood. The newspapers, instead of publishing boiler plate will give the news of the world for breakfast. You will learn, probably, that the metallic refrigerator we are selling is the greatest ice saver of the age and that it is economy, money in your purse to buy one. We put thirty pounds of ice in one of the boxes on Friday evening and it was not all melted until Monday afternoon, keeping the lower portion of the box at a temperature of 58° all the time. If you can get a wooden refrigerator or ice box that will do better than that you ought to buy one. We've never seen them.

Incidentally we have mentioned Houchins' Tap Water Filter; now we will tell you what it is. An arrangement that fits on to the faucet and filters the muddy water as clear as crystal. Talk about microbes; they're not to be found in filtered water, and where can you find anything to equal the Houchin filter for a dollar. We have them for the regular 3/4 hose pipe, the size generally used here and we expect a big demand for them.

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